

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Acting in our capacity as Selectmen is not always easy, as your elected officials we make decisions that may not be popular but in our opinion have been in the best interest of the community.

Following the resignation of Alan Sherwood, volunteers stepped forward to serve on the Board, and Loring Carr was appointed to fill the term. After Selectman Curtin resigned, David Hussey was elected as Selectman in March.

Our former Police Chief retired from his position and the Selectmen promoted Captain Ryan Heath to the position of Chief of the Department. Chief Heath has served on the Alton Police force for nine years.



Board of Selectmen (left to right): Stephan McMahon, Chairman; R. Loring Carr; Patricia Fuller, Vice-Chairman; David Hussey; and Peter Bolster.

In 2009 the Board appointed a Milfoil Committee, we approved road reconstruction, appointed new personnel, authorized grants for road and bridge construction and improvement projects, emergency management procedures, as well as department requests. It is our hope that we can all continue to work together with shared values and respect.

Our Town Boundary lines were perambulated this year with Gilford and Wolfeboro.

In this “economic recession”, there has been no significant impact on the delivery of services and we have not borrowed any funds to pay our bills. Despite this downturn we continue our efforts to maintain the character and economic stability of the Town and adapt to the changes that have been created.

It is a compliment to our Town Administrator and staff that they have strived to keep expenses low and stay within their budgets. Given today’s challenges, and the rise in expenses for insurance, fuel and other commodities, along with added NH Retirement costs we can continue to undertake needed projects and not place a heavy burden on our taxpayers. We are pleased to report that through their efforts, the Town portion of the tax rate has remained the same as last year. However, the overall tax rate, including the County and School increased by 4.7% in 2009.

We maintain a web-site to keep you informed, and we welcome citizen input at our meetings and invite you to join us at our scheduled meetings, or contact any one of us with your questions or concerns.

Alton continues to grow and there are many boards, committees and other civic organizations that require volunteers to serve. A volunteer application form is enclosed within this annual report. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact the Town Hall Selectmen's office at 875-2161 or e-mail us at selectmen@alton.nh.gov. Also a volunteer application form is enclosed within this annual report.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve you.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephan McMahon, Chairman

Patricia Fuller, Vice-Chairman

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